

For the First time

Unconcentrated Honours Program

This year for the first time, Dalhousie offers its students an Unconcentrated Honours Programme.

Since it is a new aspect of studies at Dalhousie, a small number of the student body is acquainted with it. This is evident by the number of applicants — at the moment only two.

There has been a great deal of discussion in the past two years on curriculum changes and the unconcentrated honours program is one of the proposals which emerged. It was first brought to the attention of the Curriculum Committee by Prof. Huber, Assistant Prof. of Economics.

Most members of the faculty agree that the unconcentrated program is a good thing being more flexible than usual honour programs. The new program allows the student to exercise more initiative as he prepares his own course of studies for the four years. His program must then be approved by three faculty members.

These professors serve as a committee to advise the student

By Anne McLellen

in his selection of courses. The student's program is then sent to the Committee on Studies for approval. The committee thus serves its purpose as a watchdog to see that the student's program is as challenging and consistent as a regular honours program.

For students whose interests extend beyond one or even two department disciplines, the unconcentrated honours program may prove to be the answer.

Of the fifteen classes beyond the first year, the student must take at least twelve classes above the 100-level in three or more subjects. Of those twelve, no more than five can be in one subject. At least six, but no more than nine, must be in two subjects. The student may choose freely his three other classes, completing the needed fifteen classes.

The student must make application for entrance to the honours course before the end of his third year. By the end of his first or second year it is expected

that he will know his capacities and interests. An applicant must have an average of 60% in all prior work.

The question has been raised as to whether an unconcentrated honours degree will be accepted by graduate schools as a suitable foundation for graduate work.

In the opinions of Professor D. H. Stairs, Chairman of the Committee of Studies, and Prof. D. Braybrooke one of the initiators of the program, there should be no problem in entering graduate school as long as the student is careful to have the required courses in the subject in which he wishes to do graduate work.

The Dean of Arts and Science, former Dean of Graduate Studies, G. MacLean feels that graduate schools will consider the ability of the student equally as much as concentration in his particular field, so that no problem should be posed by taking an unconcentrated honours program.

Professor Braybrooke believes that concentration in one field in becoming a thing of the past as graduate school programs are being relaxed. He said some graduate schools, such as Princeton, do not expect a concentration in one subject and are even uneasy about it.

Dean MacLean believes that next year will prove to be the key as to the success or failure of the program. He feels the program will become very popular once students have become fully acquainted with it.

The one possible disadvantage of the program would be that a student might find that he has to take an extra year in his masters program.

The Registrar Mr. P. Griffiths, termed this a make-up year in which a student would have to take more courses in his area to concentration to fulfill requirements. This disadvantage can be overcome by careful planning by both the student and his faculty advisors.

Whether this program is successful at Dalhousie remains to be seen but the reducing of restrictive regulations and the giving to the student of more initiative and flexibility in the planning of his own university program is an important step toward providing the student with the type of education he is looking for.

TRUDEAU WIRED

by Sandy Lyth

Telegrams are becoming popular on Studley campus again.

The Council of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students sent two telegrams Sunday night, one to Prime Minister Trudeau and the other to President Nixon protesting the testing of nuclear weapons on the Aleutian Islands.

Mrs. J. M. C. Duckworth, President of the Voice of Women in Canada, came to speak to the Graduate Council meeting with information pertaining to the test series, and said since she has worked with the Council before and knows some of their interests, she thought they might be willing to formally protest. The Voice of Women had already sent telegrams, and Mrs. Duckworth felt that a student protest would carry even more weight, and that it would be a worthwhile venture for the Graduate Council to consider.

The telegrams were drafted the same night, and were released along with an official press release the next morning.

The press release stated that the members of the Graduate Council protested the series of tests both as an extension of the arms race and on the ground that they are nuclear.

There is fear that the explosions, which will take place in a seismic area, will cause some sort of aftermath such as a tidal wave or an earthquake. There is also the danger of a radio-active leak.

The telegram to Prime Minister Trudeau read:

"The Council of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students protests the planned series of nuclear weapons tests to be carried out by the United States government in the Aleutian Islands beginning October 2.

"We are unequivocally opposed to the further testing of nuclear weapons for military purposes.

"In view of possible geological and genetic consequences of these tests we feel that they must be cancelled, not only in an effort to halt the arms race, but to ensure the preservation of all life on this planet.

"On behalf of the people of Canada we urge you to register a protest against these tests with the President of the United States.

Respectfully,
Larry Katz,
President.

A telegram of protest was also sent to Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States.

Dal Radio FREE ENTERPRISE?

Dal Radio's equipment is being used for private purposes.

On checking into this question, raised at a recent Council meeting, the Gazette discovered that this "gossip", as the inquirer termed it, was in fact true.

The manager of a local rock group said that he paid, "about forty dollars to somebody" to hold a recording session. The leader of another well-known band said that they had recorded at the Dal SUB free of charge because they were the first group to record and the technicians, were still learning to operate the equipment.

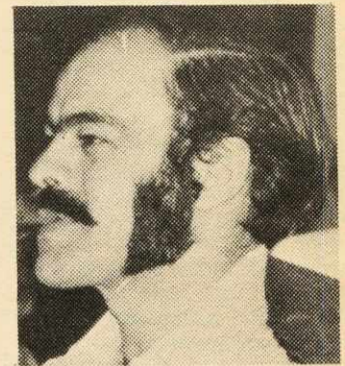
The Gazette has learned from reliable sources that either members of the Operations Committee or the Council executive gave the interim manager of Dal Radio permission to use taping equipment to make tapes for sale in lieu of a cash payment for operating Dal Radio this summer.

At the Council Meeting, Totis Pittas, who raised the question, asked if it would be possible for Jerry Dubinsky, the new Dal Radio director, to make a statement to the effect that, while he was director, the sort of thing which the rumours suggest would not happen.

Dubinsky said that it would not occur and the Council proceeded to elect him as director.

Shortly after this meeting the new director began to broadcast a Dal Radio "editorial". In the editorial Dubinsky condemned Totis Pittas' action as being "totally irresponsible" and said that "it makes me wonder generally about the actual validity in any of the Graduate Student's action in Council."

He was referring specifically



TOTIS PITTAS

to the Graduate Council's recent movement to censure President Bruce Gillis. He also said, "To you, Totis Pittas, I suggest you keep your gossip to yourself."

When questioned on the director's radio editorial Pittas said, "I was speaking as a student and not as a member of the Graduate Student's Council."

He also stated, "It is a fact that such rumours are circulating and it is the responsibility of any student to discover whether or not they are true."

Concerning Dubinsky's reference to Grad Student's censure motion he said, "The censure movement, like all decisions made and actions taken by the Graduate Student Council, was a collective one and no individual could be described as 'instrumental'."

Finally he said that his main object in the Council meeting has been "to get Mr. Dubinsky to make a statement assuring the Council that Dal Radio would not be misused during his term of office."

Coming soon?

Discipline Committee

Plans for the formation of a new student disciplinary committee were discussed at the student council meeting Monday night.

A discipline committee is needed to deal with infractions of university regulations. The committee will have the power to try offenders and levy appropriate fines. Offences liable to be brought to the committee are vandalism, brawling, and minor infractions.

At the present there are two disciplinary committees, the Senate Disciplinary Committee, and the SUB Disciplinary Committee. The Senate Committee meets only for a very important issue, while the SUB committee meets frequently to deal with everyday

problems. All this will be changed. The University Act, passed in the provincial legislature last year, gave the Senate Committee the power to delegate its authority to any body it so desires. The result is that a new committee will be formed sometime in the near future.

To facilitate the setting up of the new committee, an interim committee will be formed. This will consist of the present Senate Committee with the addition of two members representing the Student Council. The interim committee will carry out the functions of the regular committee and, in addition, will formulate a set of rules by which the committee will operate.

Ladies Lounge BAR IN THE SUB

The Ladies' Lounge is going to become a bar! Negotiations are being carried on at the moment to obtain a license for a permanent bar and should be completed in the very near future. SUB Affairs Secretary Dave Stevenson said that Council was disappointed because the Ladies' Lounge is not being used to anywhere near its capacity. Lounge areas are at a premium this year because of the large enrolment and to have one as expensively furnished as the Ladies' Lounge not being used much is a flagrant waste at best.

The hours will be 4:30 P.M. to 12:30 or 1:00 A.M. so that students having late afternoon class-

es will have already gone and there shouldn't be any friction with professors.

The plans as they now exist are to knock out the wall between the Ladies' Lounge and meeting room 316, leaving the kitchen facilities and washrooms, with traffic flow in an L shape.

Any member of the student body over 21 years of age will automatically become a member of the bar. Faculty and alumni will be able to buy a membership on an annual basis, and ID cards will be demanded at the door.

Most other large universities have a permanent bar located on campus. Dalhousie is joining the elite, it would seem.

